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Meeting of EDAC Working Group III of 31 July 1957

1. State outgoing TOPOL 90 and replies from Paris, London, and Tokyo giving reactions to a tentative proposal under study in Washington to seek NAC review of trade controls were discussed, together with the attached Defense Department paper.

2. It was the general opinion that such a move might have a deleterious and divisive effect on the NATO organization, and in any event would probably not be very fruitful.

3. It was decided that the Chairman should draft a paper recommending that EDAC should not request NATO to take any specific action, but should merely suggest that when any further economic studies are made that NATO take note of the multilateral trade control problem and the security issues involved. The WG-III recommendation (still to be cleared by Defense) will be discussed at EDAC next week.

Enclosure.

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